

**BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
MINUTES OF MEETING**

December 6, 2013

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists was held on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. .

Board Members in attendance: Board Members not in attendance:

Terrence Giblin, Chair Ronald Mancini

Joseph Costa

Dale Blumen Staff members in attendance:

Noelle Harris J. Michel Martineau

James Pinel Steve Morris, Esq.

Elizabeth Johnson

Others Present:

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM.

The administrator suggests the board consider deferring open

session agenda items to the next board meeting. Terrence Giblin made a motion to defer to the next meeting items on the agenda, the motion was seconded by Dale Blumen and passed unanimously.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Dale Blumen, seconded by Elizabeth Johnson, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 10:12 AM.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 11:02 AM. On motion of Noelle Harris, seconded by Dale Blumen, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Closed Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

The Minutes of the open session held on November 1, 2013 were presented. Dale Blumen made a motion to accept the Minutes, seconded by Noelle Harris, it was unanimously passed.

The Minutes of the executive session held on November 1, 2013 were presented. Terrence Giblin made a motion to accept the Minutes, seconded by James Pinel; it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes.

Members discuss listing items to be placed on the next agenda, members advise the administrator to be certain that agenda items deferred to the next meeting are placed on the agenda, these include

- a) Review proposed changes to Regulations (R5-63.2-MHC/MFT), and**
- b) Review parameters of TeleHealth, and other items as may arise before the Meeting is posted.**

Members determine to focus on making proposed changes to the Regulations, not the Law. Atty. Morris advises that proposed changes to the Regulations can add, but may not be in disagreement with the Law.

Atty. Morris advises Members that the board does not have the authority to change Law or Regulations, but they have the authority to propose changes to the Director of Health, Dr. Fine.

Member Dale Blumen suggests considering a change from 2,000 hours to something outcome related. A Member notes CT requires 1,000 hours. Members and the administrator note the reference to 2,000 hours is in both the Law and the Regulations.

Licenses granted since the most recent meeting November 1, 2013 through December 5, 2013 include:

MHC00604 Cortes, Enlida
MHC00605 Bean, John M.
MHC00606 Lizotte, Elizabeth Marks
MHC00607 Loveday-McGuire, Michelle
MHC00608 Heller, Sra Rhiannon
MHC00609 Paolella, Kara Lynn
MHC00610 Prunier, Margaret Ann
MHC00611 Petrarca, Michael Anthony
MHC00612 Muhlbauer, Kimberly Renee
MHC00613 Albert, Lindsey Jessica
MHC00614 Milham, Anita
MHC00615 Durand, Jaime Michelle
MHC00616 Rich, Carla May
MHC00617 Galindo, Lori Ann
MHC00618 Deciantis, Lisa Marie
MHC00619 Shooshani, Bitu Raquelle

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Noelle Harris, seconded by Dale Blumen, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau
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